



# HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Class 4! We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer and are all set for the very busy and exciting year ahead. We have already had a busy start with some of year 6 sitting their Kent test yesterday – they were all so stoic. Well done everybody!

On Monday, we will open our classroom doors a little earlier than normal (at 3 pm) and you are very welcome to come and visit us with any questions you have about class 4 or simply just to come and see your child and what they have been up to so far. Please do not worry if you cannot make this, Mrs Carmen and I are always around at the end of the day and are happy to talk to you on the door once the children have gone.

Our first topic for this year is The Ancient Maya. We will begin this learning in class and over the coming weeks and I am sure that the children will really enthused by the content covered. If you have any opportunities to further the children's interest at home, please do, by researching together, talking about Mesoamerica, watching documentaries/relevant films or even making your own Maya chocolate! Excitingly, we will be visited by an actual civilian from the Ancient Maya on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> November – more information will follow shortly.

**Over the next two terms the class will be focusing on:**

**Whole School focus: What is my place in the World?**

**English:** Descriptive writing, Short myths/narratives, newspaper reports, diary extracts, letters, interviews, comparatives, and flashback stories.

**Maths:** Place value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division.

**Science:** Materials and Space

**Topic:** The Ancient Maya

**RE:** What would Jesus do? We link this to being a good citizen.

**Music:** Clarinet/Singing

**PE:** Dodgeball/Football/Invasion Games

**PSHE:** Target and Goal Setting/Families and relationships

## Class 4 Reminders

### Reading

Progress in reading is essential to your child's progress across the curriculum. Therefore could we please ask that you seek every opportunity to read with your child at home. Ideally, this would be a minimum of five times a week. As the children become more independent, it may be that they no longer sit with a parent to read, however, encouraging them to read alone before retelling parts of the story, reading to younger siblings or to other family members all have a positive impact. We would ask that your child bring their reading book and their reading record into school and home again each day. We ask that this is signed by





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yourselves on a Friday and given in to the teachers for checking. Children who read for the expected amount of time will get a raffle ticket and at the end of the term, a name is drawn out from the raffle with the winner receiving a brand new book to read. Happy reading!

## **Homework**

In Class 4, homework is set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. The children will receive a piece of Maths, Reading, Grammar or topic each week. Children will also bring home a set of ten spellings to learn each week, ready to be tested on the following Friday with a homework sheet to match. Times tables also need to be learned at home as well as in school so please continue to practise these as often as possible using Times Table Rockstars. Logins for Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars are being sent home with the children in order to remind the children of their passwords. We appreciate the time pressures of fitting homework into a busy week, therefore, on a Thursday lunchtime we are happy to support the children to complete anything they are unsure of at Homework Club.

## **PE**

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on P.E. days, which will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure earrings are removed or taped for this session and that hair is tied up. As the winter months arrive, please do wrap up warm as we will still head outside for sessions even if it is chilly. This year, we are very lucky to have Miss Cope leading our PE lessons in her new role. In term 2, year 5 will go swimming – more information to follow which will mean our Science lesson will move to Tuesday instead. We are still happy for the children to wear their PE kit if it helps you and them.

## **Out of school activities**

Class 4 will attend Forest School after Christmas this year, further information will follow nearer the time.

Thank you for your support; we like to think of year 5 and 6 as one learning family including you, us and your children. We really do encourage your children to be independent and take responsibility in Upper Key Stage 2 but they will need you to support them developing ownership.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Phillipson, Mrs Carmen and Mrs Bean  
(Class 4)

